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S. RES. 137

Designating May 1, 2005, as “National Child Care Worthy Wage Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 1, 2005, as “National Child Care Worthy Wage Day”.

Whereas approximately 14,000,000 children are in out-of-home care during part or all of the day so that their parents may work;

Whereas the turnover rate of early-childhood educators is approximately 30 percent per year because low wages and a lack of benefits make it difficult to retain high-quality educators;

Whereas research has demonstrated that young children require caring relationships and a consistent presence in their lives for their positive development;

Whereas the compensation of early-childhood educators should be commensurate with the important job of help-

ing the young children of the United States develop the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual skills they need to be ready for school;

Whereas resources may be reallocated to improve the compensation of early-childhood educators to ensure that quality care and education are accessible for all families; and

Whereas the Center for the Child Care Workforce and other early childhood education organizations recognize May 1st as National Child Care Worthy Wage Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 1, 2005, as “National Child
3 Care Worthy Wage Day”; and

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 observe National Child Care Worthy Wage Day by—

6 (A) honoring early-childhood educators and
7 programs in their communities; and

8 (B) working together to resolve the early-
9 childhood educator compensation crisis.

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